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SUBJECT: PAULSKIRCHE BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE; BIOGRAPHIES:
GABRIELE HENKEL

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GABRIELE HENKEL. AGE 44. BORN IN DUESSELDORF, DAUGHTER OF
PROFESSOR HUEHNERMANN, NOTED SURGEON. GREW UP IN WELL-TO-DO
CIRCUMSTANCES AND LEARNED TO APPRECIATE FINE ARTS. IN HER
EARLY TWENTIES STARTED ON JOURNALISM CAREER AS NEWSWEEK
REPORTER IN BONN. BECAME CLOSELY ACQUAINTED WITH CHANCELLOR
ADENAUER. STILL DOES SOME REPORTING FOR AUSTRIAN NEWSPAPERS.
IN 1955 MARRIED KONRAD HENKEL (HENKEL SOAP AND CHEMICAL
FACTORY, SEE SEPARATE BIOGRAPHY). BECAME ARBITER OF DUSSELDORF
SOCIETY, AND HER HOME BECAME MEETING PLACE FOR ARTISTS, WRITERS,
MUSICIANS AND POLITICIANS. SUPPORTER OF NEW YORK MUSEUM OF
MODERN ART. CONSIDERED ONE OF BEST DRESSED WOMEN IN THE WORLD.
HENKELS HAVE CLOSE AND FREQUENT CONTACT WITH SENATOR JAVITS
AND DAVID ROCKEFELLER. BOTH HAVE BEEN IN POOR HEALTH
IN RECENT YEARS AND HAVE REDUCED THEIR SOCIAL ACTIVITY.DUX

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